

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 6 and 8 are amended as discussed below, claim 7 is canceled, claims 9 and 11 are amended to depend from claim 1, and the preamble of claim 10 is amended to conform to the claim 9 amendments.

Claims 6 and 8 are directed to an ink cartridge. Accordingly, by this Amendment, these claims are amended to remove the requirement that the ink cartridge be detachably mounted in an ink cartridge mounting portion of a recording device.

No new matter is added by this Amendment.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on January 14, 2005. As a courtesy to the Examiner, an additional copy of the Form PTO-1449 from that IDS is attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial and return the Form to the undersigned to confirm consideration of the disclosed references.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6 and 8-11 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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